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- 1. The Hay Marmamarzagan Miutium, or Armenian Sports Union, is the young people's sports club of the Hirchak Party. Like the other Armenian clubs discussed below, it is essentially pre-communist and reflects the political coinions of its parent political party. Its President is Bedros Muchian and its Honorary President is archam Vehumi, a merchant in the Bab-Edriss Quarter of Beirut. Vehumi's lither was one of the founders of the Club, and his photograph hangs in its beadquarters. Among the pro-Communists belonging to this Club are Onnie Jambulian. Arsen Gidur, and Vahrij Jorejian.
- The Zarch Nubar Club is a literary one directed by the Ramgavar Party.

 Its President is Hagon Chirinian, a pharmacist in Dora, near Beirut, and the Honorary President is Hagon Davidian, an engineer. The activities of the Zarch Nubar Club consist of the holding of meetings to discuss literary and other cultural activities in Soviet Armenia. The Club maintains certain ties with Soviet Armenia. Among its procommunist members are Hrach Setrakian. Hagon Chirinian, Hagon Davidian, Vahe Vahian, the poet, and Paronak Townsian.
- 5... The Tekeyan Club also is directed by the Ramgavar Party. It holds meetings and conferences to mich Armenian families are invited, and during which pro-communist and inti-Taslmak propaganda is disseminated. Its Precident is Haig Malchaian; its Honorary President is Hrach Setrakian. Among its leaders are Vahe Tahian. Hagop Davidian. Dr. Emanuel Almajian, and Puzant Yeghyayan. Dr. Armajian is a dentist in the Nahr Quarter of Beirut and a graduate of the Imerican University of Beirut. He is active in both the Hinchak and Ramgavar Parties and is pro-communist and very much anti-Tashmak.
- The Veradzenumi is a cultural union directed by a group of pro-Communists, including Armeick Folsdian and Pakarad Balaliam. Poladian, one of the founders of the Veradzenumi, sent a valuable collection of ancient Armenian (sic) to the Jational Museum in Brivan as a mift in 1947 for which he was thanked over the Erivan radio station. He has given a great deal of money to the Hinclak Party, so that now his financial condition is considerably weakened. Akalian visited Soviet Armenia in 1946 and went on to Moscow, On his return to Beirut he arranged for the repatriation to Soviet Armenia of his sinter and brother-in-law. He has been decorated by the Armenian Patriarch in Echmiszin. The decoration was awarded to him in Antilyas by the Armenian Patriarch of Silicia.

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